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NEW CASTING METHODS RAISE COMPRESSOR, PUMP OUTPUT;  
ATTACK POOR-QUALITY GAS APPLIANCES

DOUBLES PUMP AND COMPRESSOR OUTPUT -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 25 Aug 50

Since the beginning of the year, the Yerevan Compressor Plant has put out almost twice as many compressors and pumps as during all of 1949.

Increased mechanization of different processes has contributed to the increase in labor productivity and greatly lowered cost of output. The plant made a profit of 267,000 rubles for a 6-month period.

CONVERTS TO CENTRIFUGAL AND CHILL CASTING OF COMPRESSOR PARTS -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 18 Aug 50

The casting shop of the Yerevan Compressor Plant has had great success in exceeding its plan for the first half of August, and in saving considerable amounts of pig iron.

Production successes of the shop are due partly to the conversion of a number of parts from sand molding to centrifugal and chill casting. Preparations are now under way for the transfer of parts for hand-operated compressors to centrifugal casting, and for trimming castings by pneumatic means.

Sixty plant workers, including many casters, have already completed their five-year plans. In July the casting shop received the plant's Transferable Red Banner.

CHEMICAL-MACHINE BUILDING PLANT NEEDS WORKERS -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 26 Aug 50

The Chirchik Sredazkhimash Plant needs the following types of workers for permanent positions: foremen for technical shops; planers; lathe hands; fitters; milling-machine, planing-machine, and drill operators; borers; electricians; chauffeurs; and typists.

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Construction workers needed include cabinetmakers, carpenters, tinsmiths, painters, masons, plasterers, roofers, glaziers, and subsidiary workers.

Boarding house accommodations are provided for individuals, and apartments for families. Apply to the Personnel Department, Sredazkhimmash Plant, Khimzavod Station. -- Advertisement

NEGLECT SPARE PARTS FOR OLDER GAS APPLIANCES -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 28 Aug 50

Gas appliances put out by the Moscow Gazoapparat and Iskra plants have become standard equipment for Moscow dwellings. During the past few years, the enterprises producing them have greatly improved their operational features. For example, the Gazoapparat Plant has put out new models of ranges which are more convenient and dependable.

However, the gas appliances now being installed in Moscow apartments still have failings. These were discussed the other day at a meeting of representatives from the plants and gas workers in the capital. Operational workers of the Mosgaz (Moscow Gas) Trust, who are participating in the competition to extend the period of service of gas appliances, brought complaints against the manufacturers of the equipment.

Many reproofs were lodged against the Iskra Plant. Although it is the basic supplier of water heaters, it is very slow to improve them. They still have many structural and production defects. It is difficult to remove the upper shell, gas combustion is not uniform, and the radiators do not hold up during the guaranteed period of service.

Just this year, the Gazoapparat Plant, according to complaints from the Mosgaz Trust, had to pay tens of thousands of rubles for poor-quality gas meters which the Gazoapparat had made. Certainly, every appliance which gets out of order prematurely is not only a waste of state funds, but a source of confusion in actual operation.

The question of supplying spare parts has often been mentioned, but has not yet been resolved. As a result, when the radiator of a water heater produced by the Iskra Plant gets out of order, the whole appliance must be replaced, even though the casing is in perfect condition. Since the radiators break down fairly frequently, this is a great expense to the state.

The plants are so engrossed in the development of new models of gas apparatus that they forget about the great numbers of older models which are still in operation. Consequently, they refuse on any pretext to put out spare parts for them. Because of the lack of spare parts, about 3,000 water heaters from the Iskra Plant are not operating at present.

During the postwar years, the Gazoapparat Plant has produced more than 250,000 ranges of different designs for Moscow dwellings, but it is putting out spare parts for only a few of the latest models.

In a conference, the chief engineers of the two plants were forced to admit that their enterprises were heavily in debt to gas consumers.

It was decided to create a joint committee of representatives from the plants and the Moscow Gas Administration. This committee has been given the responsibility for planning measures to improve the quality of gas apparatus and lengthen their periods of service in Moscow lodgings. -- V. Titov, editor of the newspaper Za Gazifikatsiyu

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ADOPTS NEW METHODS -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 26 Aug 50

The Moscow Gazoapparat Plant has decided to use the method of Engineer Kovalev in its metal machining. Consequently, engineering-technical workers have begun to study the possibilities of mass adoption of the advanced Stakhanovite methods used by Kovalev at the Proletarskaya Pobeda Factory.

Yesterday, after a preliminary conference of specialists, the most important objectives were determined for the study of the best methods of performing working operations. Labor productivity will undoubtedly be developed as a result.

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